

**WILKINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Legislative Session**  
**October 10, 2012**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Cohn called the meeting to order at approximately 7:02 PM in Council Chambers, second floor of the Municipal Building, 605 Ross Ave., Wilkinsburg, PA.

**ROLL CALL**

The roll was called to establish a quorum. Council members present were: Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Ervin, Ms. Evans, Ms. Trice, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Ms. Macklin and President Cohn. Marla P. Marcinko, Borough Manager and Solicitor Michael Witherel were also present. Ms. Moore, Ms. Goodman and Mayor John Thompson were absent. A quorum was established.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Following the pledge of allegiance, a moment of silence was observed to remember victims of violent crime. Council observed a special memorial to Viola Carpenter and James Fulton, relatives of Councilwoman Moore, and George Edwards. President Cohn commented that Mr. Edwards was very active in the community.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Wilbert Wright – 1315 Clark St.** – Expressed dissatisfaction with service provided by Portnoff Law Associates and suggested holding a public hearing regarding their collection actions. President Cohn suggested he contact the Borough Finance Director to assist with his specific concerns.

**Theresa Carroll – 2121 Village Drive** – Commented that she recently moved from her home on Village Drive due to a fire and expressed concerns regarding activities at a “safehouse” at 810 Ross Ave. She stated that the Police Department had not been responsive to her requests for service.

Ms. Goodman arrived at 7:07 p.m.

President Cohn suggested that the Police Department may not be the first place to start in addressing her concerns.

**Glenn A. Walsh – 633 Royce Ave. 15243** – Mr. Walsh distributed copies of his statement to Council. He spoke about enhanced pedestrian access to Wilkinsburg Station on the busway and thanked Council for its support in 2003. President Cohn thanked him for his vigilance on behalf of the community.

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**Tom Montgomery – 1003 Savannah Ave.** – Spoke on behalf of Regent Square Civic Association and advised Council that a voter registration event had been held at Save-A-Lot in Wilkinsburg. He thanked Chief Coleman for offering a canine for the pet parade which had been cancelled. He advised Council of an informational meeting on October 25, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. regarding PA DOT's traffic calming proposal for the parkway east.

**Alimi Ogunzemi – 215 Franklin Ave.** – Stated she is a high school student and in attendance to hear and learn about community issues.

**AGENDA ITEMS**

**1. Approving Council meeting minutes of 09/05/12 and 09/12/12.**

**Moved:** Ms. Evans

**Second by:** Mr. Lefebvre

**Yes:** Ms. Evans, Ms. Goodman, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mr. Lefebvre, President Cohn

**Abstain:** Ms. Ervin (9/5/12 minutes), Ms. Trice (9/12/12 minutes), Ms. Macklin  
9/12/12 minutes)

**Motion carried 7:0 1 Abstention for September 5, 2012.**

**Motion carried 6:0 2 Abstentions for September 12, 2012.**

**2. Approving September checks issued:**

Regular Disbursements 09/01 – 09/30/12	\$ 787,503.73
Payroll Disbursements	246,398.76
Voided checks	<u>390.00</u>

Total Disbursement	\$1,033,512.49
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**Moved:** Mr. Lefebvre

**Second by:** Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

**Yes:** Ms. Goodman, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Evans, President Cohn

**No:** Ms. Macklin, Ms. Ervin, Ms. Trice

**Motion carried 5:3**

**3. Approving Resolution No. 12-079 – Preliminary and final approval of site plan for Hosanna House, Inc. for a parking lot at North and Mill Streets.**

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**Moved:** Ms. Evans

**Second by:** Mr. Lefebvre

**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

**4. Approving Resolution No. 12-080 – Awarding contract for cleaning service to Anago Cleaning Systems at a cost of \$2,090 per month.**

**Moved:** Ms. Evans

**Second by:** Mr. Lefebvre

Ms. Trice stated that she had previously suggested retaining the current company which employs challenged and disabled adults. She questioned how many persons the new company will hire to fulfill its contractual obligation. Ms. Marcinko stated she did not know. Ms. Marcinko stated that the Borough residents who had been employed by the current company have retired. Ms. Marcinko advised that three quotes had been received and that the low bidder did not carry worker's compensation insurance and had no municipal references. The current company was the highest bidder. Ms. Ervin asked where Anago Cleaning Systems is located and was told that their offices are in Bridgeville. Ms. Macklin commented on a resolution which was passed several years ago which established a policy to request that contractors employed by the Borough hire a percentage of their work force from the Borough. Ms. Marcinko can inquire as to the number of Borough residents in the employ of Anago but does not believe it is valid to require same. She advised that this requirement was not included in the Request for Proposals.

**Yes:** Ms. Goodman, Ms. McCarthy-Johnson, Mr. Lefebvre, Ms. Evans.

**No:** Ms. Ervin, Ms. Trice

**Abstain:** Ms. Macklin, President Cohn due to the fact that he performs contracted work for Achieva.

**Motion carried: 4:2 with 2 Abstentions**

**5. Approving Resolution No. 12-081 – Sponsoring a banner for Pittsburgh Urban Christian School.**

**Moved:** Ms. Evans

**Second by:** Ms. Ervin

**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

**6. Approving Resolution No. 12-082 – Hiring Kathy Williams as School Crossing Guard at an hourly rate of \$10.00.**

**Moved:** Ms. Ervin

**Second by:** Mr. Lefebvre

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**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

- 7. Approving Resolution No. 12-083 – Hiring Tonya Ferguson Jermany as School Crossing Guard at an hourly rate of \$10.00.**

**Moved:** Mr. Lefebvre

**Second by:** Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

- 8. Approving Resolution No. 12-084 – Appointing James Strowder to the Planning Commission.**

**Moved:** Mr. Lefebvre

**Second by:** Ms. Macklin

**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

- 9. Approving Resolution no. 12-085 – Re-appointing Eugenia Moore to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Shade Trees.**

**Moved:** Mr. Lefebvre

**Second by:** Ms. McCarthy-Johnson

**All voted in favor of the motion. Motion carried.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Ms. Trice questioned the status of the police vehicles acquisition and whether the Department is still seeking to purchase four marked vehicles and two unmarked vehicles. She questioned whether the vehicles can be acquired in 2012 and paid for in 2013.

President Cohn commented that the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events were well-attended and enjoyed. He offered his thanks to all who worked on the events.

Ms. Trice commented that Eastern Area Pre-Hospital Services will be sponsoring a flu shot clinic over the weekend and stated that the event has not been well-advertised. She also commented that Dominion Peoples is offering reduced gas bill rates to those who qualify.

Ms. Macklin commented on the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events and that a flag was presented to the Borough which was flown over Capitol Hill on October 2, 2012 to commemorate Wilkinsburg's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Ms. Macklin noted that State Representative-elect Ed Gainey attended the celebration and both former and current District Magistrates also participated.

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Evans suggested that the Finance Committee look at the current depository for Borough funds. She suggested reviewing the performance of local banks in lending to low/moderate income communities and households.

Chief Coleman advised Council that the change over to UHF band for police communications will be discussed at the Turtle Creek Valley Council of Governments monthly police chiefs meeting. Chief Coleman updated Council on the upcoming changes.

Ms. Macklin informed Council that the former Johnson School will still be a polling place for voters in that precinct.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, on motion by Ms. Evans, second by Mr. Lefebvre, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:51 PM.

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Jason Cohn, Council President